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SOME COMMON BIRDS.

BY VICTOR CARPENTER.

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD.

Agelaius phoeniceus

Blackbird Family.

Syn. Swamp blackbird.

Length. 9.50 inches.

Color. Male, velvet black, greenish tint; shoulders of crimson.

Female, brownish above; beneath white streaked with dirty brown.

Song. Varied and hard to describe; common note, "concurr-ee"; mingling of guttural creaking utterances.

Nest. Generally in low bushes; well made from reeds and lined with grasses and sedges.

Eggs. Light blue blotched or scrawled with black or dark purple; very varying.

Habitat. U. S. from coast to coast.

Specific habitat. Marshes and low ground.

Migration. March 15 to last of October.

BROWN THRASHER.

Harporhynchus rufus

Thrasher Family.

Syn. Brown thrush.

Length. 11.40 inches.

Color. Upper parts reddish brown; under parts white and spotted with brown; eyes yellow.

Song. Clear and well defined; can be heard over a third of a mile; very beautiful.

Nest. Placed on ground or a little above it; generally in hedges.

Eggs. Bluish white; thickly speckled with minute specks of reddish or cinnamon brown.

Habitat. The central states;

Specific habitat. Brush or hedge patches.

Migration. Middle of April till October.

BLUE JAY.

Cyanocitta cristata.

Crow Family.

Syn. Jay bird.

Length. 11.50 inches.

Color. Above, light purplish blue; wings and tail feathers bright blue; tail banded with black, tipped with white; light purplish blue on throat; a crescent shaped blotch of black on breast and half around neck. Female, much duller.

Song. No real song; good mimic of songs and notes of other birds. Bell-like note; many harsh notes; a loud hawk-note.

Nest. Rude, about twenty feet from ground; composed of twigs, etc., lined with roots.

Eggs. Five in number; light olive green, marked with spots of brown.

Habitat. Eastern N. America to Missouri valley.

Specific habitat. Oakgroves in settled places.

Migration. No regular migration.

Food. Tent caterpillars, other worms and insects in summer; in winter acorns and beech mast.

BARN SWALLOW.

Chelidon erythrogaster.

Length. 7 inches.

Color. Upper parts and sides of breast steel blue; throat chestnut; under parts paler; tail marked with white.

Song. Poor efforts, but composed of happy twittering.

Nest. Placed on a beam in an out building; made of mud and grasses lined with feathers.

Eggs. Six; white, with many spots.

Habitat. Central and eastern states.

Migration. April 15 to September 15.

Food. Insects taken on the wing; little if any vegetable food.

BLUE BIRD.

Sialia sialis.

Thrush Family.

Length. 7 inches.

Color. Upper parts bright blue; under parts cinnamon brown.

Song. Low earnest warble, soft and agreeable; song ceases before departure in fall.

Nest. Made in hollow tree or nesting box, of fine grasses, etc.

Eggs. Five in number. Bluish white color.

Habitat. Eastern U. S. west to Rockies.

Migration. First of March to last of October.

CATBIRD.

Galeoscoptes carolinensis

Thrasher Family.

Length. 8.50 inches.

Color. Slate; cap and tail black.

Song. Quaint attractive melody; good mimic.

Nest. In low bushes or briars in retired spots; composed of leaves, dry bark, fine roots and stems, lined with fine grasses.

Habitat. U. S. west to Rockies, north to Canada, south to Panama.

Specific Habitat. Low growth, as briars, vines, etc.

Migration. Last of April to October.

CEDAR WAXING.

Ampelis cedrorum.

Chatterer Family.

Length. 7.25 inches.

Syn. Cedar bird.

Color. Grayish brown; belly yellowish; end of tail yellow; secondaries sometimes red; black stripe through face.

Song. Few notes.

Nest. In low bush or tree three to twenty feet high; large and bulky but strong; coarse framework lined with leaves and soft root fibres.

Eggs. Five or six; color, light slate to stone, tinged with olive; blotched with dark purplish brown; length about .75 inch.

Habitat. All U. S. to Canada.

Food. Cedar berries, cherries, wild berries, insects, canker worms.

CARDINAL.

Cardinalis virginianus.

Finch Family.

Syn. Cardinal bird; redbird.

Length. 8 inches.

Color. About base of bill black; rest of plumage bright red; bill red.

Song. A clear whistle.

Nest. Four feet from ground in thick bushes; usually near running water; loose, composed of dry leaves, twigs, grape vines, etc.

Eggs. Three or four; oblong oval; white, very thickly marked with ashy brown; vary greatly in size.

Habitat. Southern states; rare farther north than Central Indiana.

CROW.

Corvus americanus.

Crow Family.

Length. 19.30 inches.

Color. Jet black; glossy.

Nest. In tall trees; formed of very coarse sticks, bark, etc.; no lining.

Eggs. Vary greatly in color; common, light green scattered with blotches of dark brown, purplish cast; 1.50 inches long.

Habitat. U. S. from Atlantic to Pacific.

Food. Grasshoppers, beetles, cut worms, etc.; corn to a small extent.

MOURNING DOVE.

Zonaidura macroura.

Pigeon Family.

Syn. Carolina dove.

Length. 12 inches.

Color. Upper parts olive brown; breast with a pinkish tinge; belly buff; tail tipped with white.

Song. None. A sad note only.

Nest. Platform shaped; very rude; of twigs, etc. on lower branch of a tree.

Eggs. Two, white; nearly equal at both ends, about 1.25 inches long.